

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Gerard HARTNETT

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For: OBJECT ORIENTED TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM
CONTROLLER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO LESSEN FEES

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please CANCEL claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please ADD new claim 13 as follows:

--13. A telecommunication controller comprising a control framework for control of telecommunication services, the control framework comprising an application domain level comprising control logic domain objects having object classes, characterised in that the framework further comprises, a meta level comprising meta objects which represent the domain object classes and comprise means for interfacing with telecommunication services to isolate the domain objects from said services.--

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

Claim 2, line 1, delete "A",
insert --The--;
line 1, delete "1",

insert --13--;

Claim 3, line 1, delete "A",
insert --The--;
line 1, delete "any preceding claim",
insert --claim 13--;

Claim 4, line 1, delete "A",
insert --The--;
line 1, delete "any preceding claim",
insert --claim 13--;

Claim 5, line 1, delete "A",
insert --The--;
line 1, delete "any prededing claim",
insert --claim 13--;

Claim 6, line 1, delete "A",
insert --The--;
line 1, delete "any preceding claim",
insert --claim 13--;

Claim 7, line 1, delete "A",
insert --The--;

Claim 8, line 1, delete "A",
insert --The--;
line 1, delete "any preceding claim",
insert --claim 13--;

Claim 9, line 1, delete "A",
insert --The--;
line 1, delete "any preceding claim",
insert --claim 13--;

Claim 10, line 1, delete "A",
insert --The--;
line 1, delete "any preceding claim",
insert --claim 13--;

Claim 11, line 1, delete "A",
insert --The--;
line 1, delete "claims 9, 9, or 10",
insert --claim 8--;

Claim 12, line 1, delete "A",

insert --The--.

REMARKS

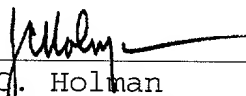
The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee.

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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